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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. 09/118,730  
Filed: July 17, 1998  
Inventors: Ellington M. Beavers et al  
Title: METHOD OF MAKING FREE ACIDS  
FROM POLYSACCHARIDE SALTS  
Examiner: E. White  
Art Unit: 1623  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the period for responding to the Official Action of January 22, 2004, in the above-identified application, now set to expire on April 22, 2004, be extended by two months, until June 22, 2004.

A response to the Official Action, and payment of \$420.00, as prescribed in 37 CFR \$1.17, are attached. Applicants have withdrawn their claim of small entity status. A Request for Correction of Entity Status is attached.

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